

**DATA EVALUATION RECORD**  
**72-2 -- ACUTE LC<sub>50</sub> TEST WITH A FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATE**  
**OCSPP 850.1020**

1. **CHEMICAL:** Gamma-cyhalothrin PC Code No.: 128807

2. **TEST MATERIAL:** Gamma-cyhalothrin Purity: 97.9%

3. **CITATION**

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Title: Gamma-Cyhalothrin- Acute Toxicity to Freshwater  
Amphipods (*Hyaletta azteca*) Under Flow-Through  
Conditions

Study Completion Date: August 11, 2014

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Wareham, Massachusetts

Sponsor: Pyrethroid Working Group  
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Ewing, New Jersey

Laboratory Report ID: 13656.6184

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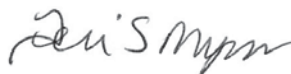
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case basis, whether it is scientifically sound and provides sufficient information to satisfy applicable data requirements. Studies that fail to meet any of the conditions may be accepted, if appropriate; similarly, studies that meet all of the conditions may be rejected, if appropriate. In sum, the reviewer is to take into account the totality of factors related to the test methodology and results in determining the acceptability of the study.

## 7. STUDY PARAMETERS

<b>Scientific Name of Test Organism:</b>	<i>Hyalella azteca</i>
<b>Age of Test Organism:</b>	10 days old
<b>Definitive Test Duration:</b>	96 hours
<b>Study Method:</b>	Flow-through
<b>Type of Concentrations:</b>	Mean measured

## 8. CONCLUSIONS:

A range finding at nominal concentrations of 0.050, 0.10, 0.20, 0.40 and 0.80 ng/L produced 35, 15, 20, 80 and 95% mortality respectively. After 96 hours of exposure in the definitive test, mortality was 5% in the negative control, and solvent control. Mortality was 50, 80, 95, 100 and 100% in the mean-measured, 0.083, 0.13, 0.22, and 1.5 ng ai/L treatment levels, respectively. Immobility was observed in all treatment groups. There was at least a 50% drop in measured concentrations at the 0 and 96 hour analytical measurements in all but the highest treatment group (which was 42%). The 96-hr EC50 (with 95% C.I.) value was 0.0823 (0.0462 to 0.103) ng ai/L, based on mean-measured concentrations.

### **Results Synopsis**

96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> : 0.0823 ng ai/L	95% C.I.: 0.0462-0.103 ng ai/L
Probit Slope: 4.02	95% C.I.: 1.66-6.38
NOAEC (visually determined): < 0.08 ng ai/L	
Sublethal effects: Immobilization	

Endpoint(s) affected: Survival and sub-lethal effects

## 9. ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY

**A. Classification:** This study is **scientifically sound** and is classified as **/supplemental (quantitative)**

**B. Rationale:** There were no test concentrations producing <50% mortality (50% in the lowest). However, without measured results from the range finding test the concentrations

selected for the definitive were not unreasonable. There was also at least a 50% drop in test concentration from 0 hour to the 96 hour measurement across all but the highest test concentrations (42%). Given the nature of the chemical, the low test concentrations (measured right up to the LOQ = 0.053 ng ai/L), and response viewed the reviewer does not believe additional testing would produce a much different endpoint. Consequently, this study may be used quantitatively in risk assessment, taking into account the uncertainties mentioned above.

**C. Reparability:** N/A

**10. Guideline Deviations:** This study was conducted following a protocol that generally meets the testing requirements of the U.S. EPA's Ecological Effects Test Guideline (Draft) OCSPP 850.1020 Gammarid Acute Toxicity Test; and the U.S. EPA's Ecological Effects Test Guideline (Draft) OCSPP 850.1000 Special Considerations for Conducting Aquatic Laboratory Studies. The following deviations from OCSPP 850.1020 were noted:

1. *Hyalella azteca* is not one of the preferred non-daphnid test organisms.
2. The instar of the test organisms was not specified.
3. Test organisms were fed during the definitive test.
4. Recommended temperature during the definitive test (20-24°C) exceeded the recommended temperature of 18±1°C. However, these recommendations are based on the genus *Gammarus*.
5. Biomass loading rate was not specified. However, only 10 amphipods were in each test vessel (1.8 L fill volume).
6. There was at least a 50% drop in measured concentrations in all but the highest treatment level.
7. There was no treatment concentration with less than 50% mortality.

Deviations 6 and 7 impact the acceptability of the study.

**11. SUBMISSION PURPOSE:** This study was submitted to provide data on the effects of gamma-cyhalothrin to *Hyalella azteca* following acute exposure for the purpose of chemical re-registration.

**12. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**A. Test Organisms**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
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<b><u>Species</u></b> Preferred species is <i>Daphnia magna</i>	<i>Hyalella azteca</i>
<b>All organisms are approximately the same size and weight?</b>	Yes
<b><u>Life Stage</u></b> Daphnids: 1 <sup>st</sup> instar (<24 h). Amphipods, stoneflies, and mayflies: 2 <sup>nd</sup> instar. Midges: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>th</sup> instar.	10 days old
<b>Supplier</b>	Laboratory cultures
<b>All organisms from the same source?</b>	Yes

**B. Source/Acclimation**

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<b><u>Acclimation Period</u></b> Minimum 7 days	Continuous for main culture, 10 days for amphipods used in definitive test.  Amphipods were obtained by isolating sexually mature amphipods from the main culture 11 days prior to test initiation. On the day following adult isolation, young produced by these organisms were pipetted into 1.0-L beakers containing 0.80 L of aerated water, where they were held until test initiation.
<b>Wild caught organisms were quarantined for 7 days?</b>	N/A
<b>Were there signs of disease or injury?</b>	None reported
<b>If treated for disease, was there no sign of the disease remaining during the 48 hours</b>	N/A

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<b>prior to testing?</b>	
<b><u>Feeding</u></b> No feeding during the study.	During the holding period, the amphipods were fed a combination of yeast, cereal leaves, and flaked food suspension (YCT). During the definitive exposure, each replicate test vessel received 1.0 mL of YCT daily.
<b><u>Pretest Mortality</u></b> No more than 3% mortality 48 hours prior to testing.	None reported

**C. Test System:**

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<b><u>Source of dilution water</u></b> Soft reconstituted water or water from a natural source, <b>not</b> dechlorinated tap water.	Laboratory well water. <i>H. azteca</i> are cultured in water from the same source as the dilution water used in the study and have successfully survived and reproduced over multiple generations.
<b>Does water support test animals without observable signs of stress?</b>	Yes
<b><u>Water Temperature</u></b> Daphnia: 20°C Amphipods and mayflies: 17°C Midges and mayflies: 22°C Stoneflies: 12°C	20-24°C  The 20°C measurement was an isolated incident between 72 and 96 hours. The continuous measurements were within the range of $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ during this time period.
<b><u>pH</u></b> Prefer 7.2 to 7.6.	7.1-7.3

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<b><u>Dissolved Oxygen</u></b> Static: $\geq 60\%$ during 1 <sup>st</sup> 48 h and $\geq 40\%$ during 2 <sup>nd</sup> 48 h, flow-through: $\geq 60\%$ .	6.7-9.4 mg/L ( $>75\%$ of saturation)  The lowest DO reading (6.7 mg/L) was measured in the nominal 1.6 ng ai/L treatment level at 96 hours.
<b><u>Total Hardness</u></b> Prefer 40 to 48 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .	64-68 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>  Alkalinity: 18-20 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> Conductivity: 400-420 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
<b><u>Test Aquaria</u></b> 1. <u>Material</u> : Glass or stainless steel. 2. <u>Size</u> : 250 ml (daphnids and midges) or 3.9 L (1 gal). 3. <u>Fill volume</u> : 200 ml (daphnids and midges) or 2-3 L.	1. Glass beaker  2. 2 L  3. 1.8 L (depth of 14.5 cm)  Each test vessel had a slot cut below the top edge of the beaker which was covered with 40-mesh NITEX® screen, adhered with silicone, for drainage. Each test vessel also contained a 3 cm <sup>2</sup> piece of 250- $\mu\text{m}$ stainless steel mesh as a substrate.
<b><u>Type of Dilution System</u></b> Must provide reproducible supply of toxicant.	Intermittent-flow proportional diluter.
<b><u>Flow Rate</u></b> Consistent flow rate of 5-10 vol/24 hours, meter systems calibrated before study and checked twice daily during test period.	~10 vol/24 hours (90% replacement time of approximately 5 hours)  System was calibrated prior to use and was confirmed at test termination. Diluter system function was monitored daily and a visual check of the system's operation was performed twice daily.

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b><u>Biomass Loading Rate</u></b> Static: # 0.8 g/L at # 17°C, # 0.5 g/L at > 17°C; flow-through: # 1 g/L/day.	Not reported. However, DO levels were adequate throughout the definitive exposure.
<b><u>Photoperiod</u></b> 16 hours light, 8 hours dark.	16L:8D with 15-30-minute transition periods of low-light intensity.  Light intensity ranged from 230-270 lux.
<b><u>Solvents</u></b> Not to exceed 0.5 ml/L for static tests or 0.1 ml/L for flow-through tests.	Acetone (0.050 mL/L)

**D. Test Design:**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b><u>Range Finding Test</u></b> If LC <sub>50</sub> > 100 mg/L, then no definitive test is required.	A 96-hour range-finding study was conducted using nominal concentrations of 0 (negative and solvent controls), 0.050, 0.10, 0.20, 0.40, and 0.80 ng ai/L with 20 amphipods per level (2 reps w/10 each). After 96 hours of exposure mortality was 5 and 11% in the negative and solvent controls, respectively, and 35, 15, 20, 80, and 95% in the 0.050, 0.10, 0.20, 0.40, and 0.80 ng ai/L groups, respectively. Immobilization was observed among surviving amphipods in all but the lowest treatment level.
<b><u>Nominal Concentrations of Definitive Test</u></b> Control & 5 treatment levels; a geometric series with each concentration being at least 60% of the next higher one.	0.10, 0.20, 0.40, 0.80, and 1.6 ng ai/L

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<b><u>Number of Test Organisms</u></b> Minimum 20/level, may be divided among containers.	20/level, with 10 amphipods in each of two replicates
<b>Test organisms randomly or impartially assigned to test vessels?</b>	Yes
<b><u>Water Parameter Measurements</u></b> 1. <u>Temperature</u> Measured continuously or, if water baths are used, every 6 h, may not vary > 1°C.  2. <u>DO and pH</u> Measured at beginning of test and ever 48 h in the high, medium, and low doses and in the control.	1. Measured in replicate A of all treatment levels at test initiation, in alternating replicates daily thereafter, and in all test chambers at test termination. Temperature was also continuously monitored in replicate B of the nominal 1.6 ng ai/L treatment level.  2. Dissolved oxygen and pH were measured in replicate A of all treatment levels at test initiation and in alternating replicates daily thereafter, and in all test chambers at test termination.
<b><u>Chemical Analysis</u></b> Needed if solutions were aerated, if chemical was volatile, insoluble, or known to absorb, if precipitate formed, if containers were not steel or glass, or if flow-through system was used	Samples were collected from each control and treatment level at 0 and 96 hours.

### 13. REPORTED RESULTS:

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
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<b>Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements were included in the report?</b>	Yes. Signed and dated No Data Confidentiality, GLP, and Quality Assurance statements were provided. This study was conducted in compliance with all pertinent U.S. EPA Good Laboratory Practice Regulations (40 CFR, Part 160) with the following exceptions: routine water and food contaminant screening analyses were conducted using standard U.S. EPA procedures by GeoLabs, Inc., Braintree, Massachusetts.
<b>Control Mortality</b> Static: $\leq 10\%$ Flow-through: $\leq 5\%$	Negative Control: 5% Solvent Control: 5%
<b>Percent Recovery of Chemical</b>	64-94% of nominal based on mean-measured concentrations.  QC spikes yielded recoveries ranging from 77.4 to 96.5% of nominal.
<b>Raw data included?</b>	Yes

Mortality

Concentration (ng ai/L)		Number of Organisms	Cumulative Number Dead			
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study			
			24	48	72	96
Control	<LOQ	20	0	0	0	1
Solvent Control	<LOQ	20	0	0	0	1
0.10	0.083	20	4	6	7	10
0.20	0.13	20	1	6	8	16

0.40	0.22	20	2	9	13	19
0.80	0.49	20	8	15	17	20
1.6	1.5	20	5	10	15	20

Other Significant Results: No sub-lethal effects were observed in the controls throughout the 96-hour exposure period. Several surviving amphipods throughout the treatment groups were observed to be immobilized, with immobilization observed at all observation periods.

#### B. Statistical Results

Method: The 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> and associated 95% C.I. were estimated using the Trimmed Spearman-Kärber method via CETIS statistical software version 1.8. Mean-measured concentrations were used in the analysis.

96-hour LC<sub>50</sub>: 0.086 ng ai/L

95% C.I.: 0.064-0.12 ng ai/L

Probit Slope: N/A

95% C.I.: N/A

### 14. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS

Parameter	Result
Trimmed Spearman-Kärber LC <sub>50</sub> (95% C.I.)	0.0862 (0.0644-0.115) ng ai/L
Probit LC <sub>50</sub> (95% C.I.)	0.0823 (0.0462-0.103) ng ai/L
Probit Slope (95% C.I.)	4.02 (1.66-6.38)

The reviewer analyzed mortality data using the probit analysis via CETIS statistical software version 1.8.7.12 with database backend settings implemented by EFED on 3/25/14. Treatment data were compared to the negative control only. Results from the Trimmed Spearman-Kärber method were also reported. Toxicity values were based on the reported mean-measured concentrations.

### 15. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

The reviewer's results were based on the probit analysis whereas the study author reported results from the Trimmed Spearman-Kärber method. Therefore, the reviewer's results are reported in the Conclusions section of this DER.

The TOC concentration for the dilution water source was 0.61 mg/L for March 2014.

Results from the periodic screening analysis of the dilution water were not provided. However, the study author reported that no pesticides, PCBs, or toxic metals were detected at concentrations that are considered toxic in any of the water samples analyzed in agreement with ASTM (2002) standard practices.

The in-life portion of the definitive toxicity test was conducted from March 10 to 14, 2014.

This study **is scientifically sound**; however, due to some minor guideline deviations it is classified as **supplemental (quantitative)**.

## 16. **REFERENCES:**

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# CETIS Summary Report

Report Date: 22 Apr-15 10:05 (p 1 of 1)  
 Test Code: 128807 49463701 | 02-2081-0997

## OPPTS.850.1020 Gammarid Acute Toxicity

Smithers Viscient

Batch ID:	10-5469-1053	Test Type:	Mortality (96-h)	Analyst:	
Start Date:	10 Mar-14	Protocol:	OPPTS.850.1020 Gammarid Acute Toxicity	Diluent:	Well Water
Ending Date:		Species:	Hyalella azteca	Brine:	Not Applicable
Duration:	NA	Source:	Lab In-House Culture	Age:	10dy
Sample ID:	20-3396-1417	Code:	128807 49463701	Client:	CDM Smith
Sample Date:	10 Mar-14	Material:	gamma-cyhalothrin	Project:	Insecticide
Receive Date:		Source:	Pyrethroid Working Group		
Sample Age:	NA	Station:			

Batch Note: PC Code 128807 MRID 49463701

Sample Note: PC Code 128807 MRID 49463701

## Point Estimate Summary

Analysis ID	Endpoint	Level	ng ai/L	95% LCL	95% UCL	TU	Method
14-3431-1542	96h Mortality Rate	LC5	0.0321	0.00508	0.0531		Linear Regression (MLE)
		LC10	0.0395	0.00836	0.0609		
		LC15	0.0455	0.0117	0.0668		
		LC20	0.0509	0.0152	0.0721		
		LC25	0.056	0.0191	0.077		
		LC40	0.0712	0.0334	0.0917		
		LC50	0.0823	0.0462	0.103		
20-4003-0313	96h Mortality Rate	LC50	0.0862	0.0644	0.115		Trimmed Spearman-Kärber

## 96h Mortality Rate Summary

C-ng ai/L	Control Type	Count	Mean	95% LCL	95% UCL	Min	Max	Std Err	Std Dev	CV%	%Effect
0	Solvent Blank	2	0.05	0	0.685	0	0.1	0.05	0.0707	141.0%	0.0%
0	Negative Control	2	0.05	0	0.685	0	0.1	0.05	0.0707	141.0%	0.0%
0.083		2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.0%	47.4%
0.13		2	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0	0.0%	78.9%
0.22		2	0.95	0.315	1	0.9	1	0.05	0.0707	7.44%	94.7%
0.49		2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.0%	100.0%
1.5		2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.0%	100.0%

## 96h Mortality Rate Detail

C-ng ai/L	Control Type	Rep 1	Rep 2
0	Solvent Blank	0	0.1
0	Negative Control	0.1	0
0.083		0.5	0.5
0.13		0.8	0.8
0.22		1	0.9
0.49		1	1
1.5		1	1